

REMARKS

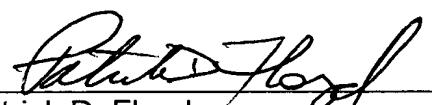
In accordance with the Election made in response to the Restriction Requirement, claims 18-20 are withdrawn. Claims 1-17 are pending.

Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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